

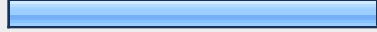
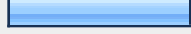


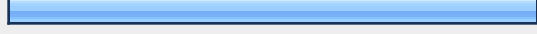
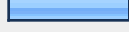
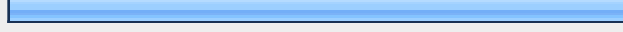



## Colchester Town and Education 2010-2011 Budget Survey

1. For statistical purposes only, please indicate the age group you belong to:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Student		0.7%	4
18-29		5.3%	29
30-49		56.9%	309
50-64		28.0%	152
65 or over		7.7%	42
Prefer not to answer		1.3%	7
answered question			543
skipped question			0

2. Did you vote in last year's budget referendum?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		81.5%	442
No		18.5%	100
answered question			542
skipped question			1

3. Are you planning to vote in this year's budget referendum scheduled for May 11, 2010?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		95.4%	516
No		4.6%	25
answered question			541
skipped question			2

4. How much are you worried about the following things, if at all?					
	A Great Deal	Quite a Bit	Just Some	Not at All	Response Count
Losing your job	15.4% (82)	13.5% (72)	32.1% (171)	<b>39.0% (208)</b>	533
Losing your house	6.7% (36)	10.1% (54)	27.9% (149)	<b>55.3% (296)</b>	535
Meeting monthly expenses	14.7% (79)	23.3% (125)	<b>38.0% (204)</b>	24.0% (129)	537
Future decline in Stock Market	15.3% (82)	30.2% (162)	<b>42.3% (227)</b>	12.3% (66)	537
Future decline in home values	20.6% (111)	<b>35.3% (190)</b>	34.1% (184)	10.0% (54)	539
Money for retirement	30.8% (166)	<b>34.7% (187)</b>	28.2% (152)	6.3% (34)	539
Paying for college	28.2% (150)	26.9% (143)	15.4% (82)	<b>29.5% (157)</b>	532
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>542</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>1</b>

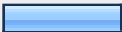
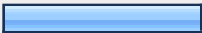
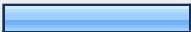
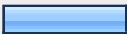

5. Regarding services provided by the Town, please indicate which you would choose to increase from current levels, maintain at current levels, reduce or eliminate/reorganize as the Town develops next year's budget:						
	Increase	Maintain	Reduce	Eliminate	Reorganize	Response Count
Fire/Emergency Medical Services	11.2% (61)	<b>80.3% (436)</b>	6.8% (37)	0.0% (0)	1.7% (9)	543
Library Services	9.6% (52)	<b>60.0% (326)</b>	28.2% (153)	0.6% (3)	1.7% (9)	543
Parks & Rec Dept. Grounds Maintenance for Town & Schools	8.1% (44)	<b>57.6% (313)</b>	27.4% (149)	0.6% (3)	6.3% (34)	543
Police Services	10.5% (57)	<b>63.4% (344)</b>	16.2% (88)	5.3% (29)	4.6% (25)	543
Road Maintenance	18.0% (98)	<b>64.1% (348)</b>	14.4% (78)	0.9% (5)	2.6% (14)	543
Senior Services	9.0% (49)	<b>66.5% (361)</b>	18.8% (102)	1.8% (10)	3.9% (21)	543
Social Services	9.9% (54)	<b>56.9% (309)</b>	23.6% (128)	3.9% (21)	5.7% (31)	543
Youth Services	10.9% (59)	<b>61.0% (331)</b>	20.3% (110)	3.7% (20)	4.2% (23)	543
Economic Development Services	28.4% (154)	<b>40.0% (217)</b>	20.8% (113)	5.3% (29)	5.5% (30)	543
	<b>answered question</b>					<b>543</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>					<b>0</b>

6. For the nine services listed in Question 5 above, please indicate their priority to you by numbering them from 1 to 9 with 1 being the highest and 9 being the lowest priority:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Res Co
Fire/Emergency Medical Services	<b>46.6%</b> <b>(224)</b>	22.5% (108)	11.0% (53)	5.4% (26)	5.2% (25)	2.9% (14)	2.5% (12)	1.9% (9)	2.1% (10)	
Library Services	3.1% (15)	5.3% (26)	9.2% (45)	13.6% (66)	11.1% (54)	14.0% (68)	14.6% (71)	12.3% (60)	<b>16.8%</b> <b>(82)</b>	
Parks & Rec Dept. Grounds Maintenance for Town & Schools	3.7% (18)	4.9% (24)	10.8% (53)	<b>17.2%</b> <b>(85)</b>	14.0% (69)	12.4% (61)	13.8% (68)	15.0% (74)	8.3% (41)	
Police Services	15.2% (77)	<b>34.8%</b> <b>(176)</b>	12.1% (61)	8.3% (42)	7.9% (40)	5.7% (29)	4.9% (25)	3.6% (18)	7.5% (38)	
Road Maintenance	5.3% (26)	10.2% (50)	<b>22.4%</b> <b>(110)</b>	16.9% (83)	16.3% (80)	9.8% (48)	7.3% (36)	6.1% (30)	5.7% (28)	
Senior Services	2.9% (14)	2.3% (11)	7.4% (36)	10.5% (51)	15.2% (74)	<b>16.7%</b> <b>(81)</b>	14.0% (68)	16.5% (80)	14.6% (71)	
Social Services	4.0% (20)	5.7% (28)	10.5% (52)	8.7% (43)	13.5% (67)	16.0% (79)	<b>17.6%</b> <b>(87)</b>	13.5% (67)	10.5% (52)	
Youth Services	7.2% (37)	6.4% (33)	6.8% (35)	11.1% (57)	12.2% (63)	15.3% (79)	<b>15.7%</b> <b>(81)</b>	<b>15.7%</b> <b>(81)</b>	9.5% (49)	
Economic Development Services	15.4% (81)	8.4% (44)	11.6% (61)	9.3% (49)	6.9% (36)	7.8% (41)	8.8% (46)	11.4% (60)	<b>20.4%</b> <b>(107)</b>	
	<b>answered question</b>									
	<b>skipped question</b>									




**7. Regarding educational services, please indicate which you would choose to increase from current levels, maintain at current levels, reduce or eliminate/reorganize as the Town develops next year's budget:**

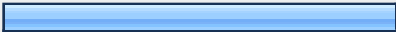




	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Maintain</b>	<b>Reduce</b>	<b>Eliminate</b>	<b>Reorganize</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Academic Programs	35.3% (189)	<b>56.7% (304)</b>	5.4% (29)	0.6% (3)	2.1% (11)	536
Extracurricular After-School Programs	15.1% (82)	<b>47.4% (257)</b>	26.9% (146)	5.0% (27)	5.5% (30)	542
Facility Maintenance	8.9% (48)	<b>71.1% (383)</b>	15.4% (83)	0.2% (1)	4.5% (24)	539
Instructional Supplies/Textbooks	16.8% (90)	<b>69.3% (372)</b>	11.4% (61)	0.6% (3)	2.0% (11)	537
School Library Books	11.7% (63)	<b>57.9% (312)</b>	25.8% (139)	2.8% (15)	1.9% (10)	539
Sports - Middle School	9.3% (50)	<b>50.9% (275)</b>	25.6% (138)	8.7% (47)	5.6% (30)	540
Sports - High School	11.7% (63)	<b>59.7% (321)</b>	21.6% (116)	2.6% (14)	4.5% (24)	538
Teacher/Staff Training	17.2% (93)	<b>51.7% (279)</b>	23.3% (126)	3.0% (16)	4.8% (26)	540
Technology/Computers	25.1% (136)	<b>54.2% (293)</b>	17.0% (92)	1.1% (6)	2.6% (14)	541
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>					<b>543</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>					<b>0</b>

8. I would prefer to increase class size rather than eliminate/reorganize the above educational services.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		17.9%	97
Agree		30.2%	164
Disagree		28.5%	155
Strongly Disagree		18.6%	101
No Opinion		4.8%	26
	<i>answered question</i>		<b>543</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

9. For the ten educational services listed in Question 7 and 8 above, please indicate their priority to you by numbering to 10, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest priority:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Academic Programs	<b>63.8%</b> <b>(316)</b>	14.9% (74)	8.5% (42)	2.8% (14)	1.4% (7)	2.6% (13)	2.0% (10)	0.6% (3)	0.6% (3)	2.6% (13)
Class Size	15.5% (76)	<b>26.4%</b> <b>(129)</b>	10.0% (49)	8.2% (40)	8.4% (41)	8.0% (39)	6.3% (31)	4.1% (20)	5.7% (28)	7.4% (36)
Extracurricular After-School Programs	1.0% (5)	6.0% (29)	10.8% (52)	6.3% (30)	9.4% (45)	11.0% (53)	12.5% (60)	<b>17.3%</b> <b>(83)</b>	10.6% (51)	15.0% (72)
Facility Maintenance	1.8% (9)	6.7% (33)	12.3% (61)	12.3% (61)	<b>15.0%</b> <b>(74)</b>	12.3% (61)	10.7% (53)	11.5% (57)	6.9% (34)	10.3% (51)
Instructional Supplies/Textbooks	1.8% (9)	14.4% (70)	<b>18.9%</b> <b>(92)</b>	<b>18.9%</b> <b>(92)</b>	14.0% (68)	10.9% (53)	9.7% (47)	4.3% (21)	5.7% (28)	1.4% (7)
School Library Books	1.4% (7)	2.7% (13)	3.7% (18)	8.0% (39)	13.4% (65)	<b>15.4%</b> <b>(75)</b>	14.0% (68)	14.4% (70)	11.9% (58)	15.0% (73)
Sports - Middle School	0.6% (3)	1.8% (9)	4.9% (24)	5.3% (26)	6.3% (31)	8.1% (40)	14.2% (70)	14.4% (71)	<b>23.1%</b> <b>(114)</b>	21.5% (106)
Sports - High School	2.6% (13)	6.9% (35)	6.1% (31)	9.6% (49)	11.4% (58)	11.8% (60)	9.4% (48)	15.7% (80)	<b>18.5%</b> <b>(94)</b>	7.9% (40)
Teacher/Staff Training	7.9% (40)	12.3% (62)	11.5% (58)	<b>12.5%</b> <b>(63)</b>	12.1% (61)	9.9% (50)	11.1% (56)	8.3% (42)	7.1% (36)	7.7% (39)
Technology/Computers	5.8% (30)	10.4% (54)	13.7% (71)	<b>17.4%</b> <b>(90)</b>	9.9% (51)	9.3% (48)	8.7% (45)	9.1% (47)	7.2% (37)	8.5% (44)
	<b>answered question</b>									
	<b>skipped question</b>									

10. As the Town develops its budget, what guidance would you give Town officials regarding the tax mill rate?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I could support an increase in my tax rate.		47.0%	255
I cannot support any increase in my tax rate.		44.6%	242
I expect the tax rate to decrease.		8.5%	46
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>543</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

11. What mill rate increase could you support?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
0 - .5 mill		60.4%	328
.5 – 1 mill		19.0%	103
1 – 1.5 mill		11.4%	62
1.5 – 2 mill		5.2%	28
2 – 2.21 mill		4.1%	22
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>543</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>